EPA   **It's Your Right to Know**
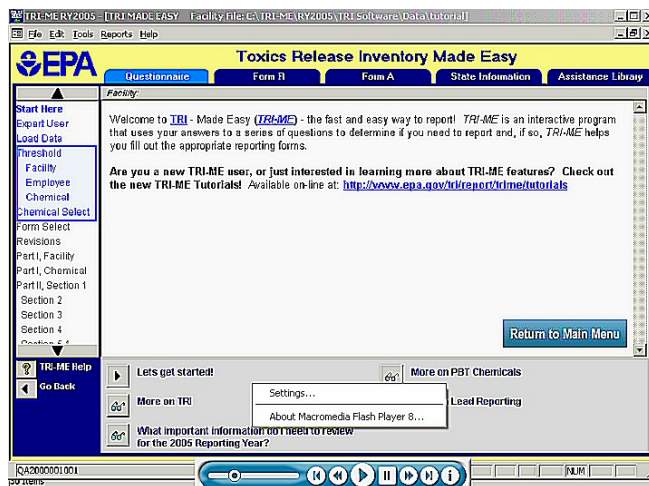
Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Update

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing to expand our compliance assistance efforts and provide burden reduction for facilities that are required to report under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to Know Act (EPCRA or SARA 313) in the following ways:

Training - EPA offers interactive and web-based training annually in the spring (April/ May) for new and experienced reporters. If you haven't had training or need a refresher, times and locations will be available after Feb. 15, 2007 at the EPA's TRI Web site www.epa.gov/tri.

Software - EPA offers "TRI-ME" reporting software which is user-friendly and guides you through the TRI reporting requirements. It also links to pertinent reporting guidance. If you have filed in the past you should receive the TRI-ME software in the mail at the end of March-beginning of April, 2007. This software will help you reduce reporting errors as it will alert you to errors before you submit your report.

Internet Reporting - If you use the TRI-ME software on a computer that has a link to the Web, you will be able to automatically submit your TRI report to the EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) which will allow you to receive instant e-mail confirmation and receive your Facility Data Profile within a few days of your submission.

(over)

State Coordination - If your state is participating with the EPA in the CDX program, the TRI-ME software will allow you to automatically submit your report to the state. If the state is not set up to handle submissions electronically online (Missouri is not), the software will prompt you to prepare an electronic or paper copy appropriate for submission to your state.

EPA Self-Disclosure Audit Policy - This Audit Policy, implemented in 1995, enhances environmental protection through incentives for companies to self-police, disclose and correct violations. Companies that satisfy the Policy's criteria are eligible for up to 100 percent reductions in otherwise applicable penalties.

Simpler Reporting - On Dec.18, 2006, EPA announced the final TRI Burden Reduction Rule that reduces the burden of reporting for some facilities. Starting with the 2006 reporting year, facilities that previously were not able to use "Form A" because they had persistent, bioacculamative, toxic (PBT) chemicals or had emissions that exceeded a limit may now be able to use the simpler Form A in lieu of the more detailed Form R.

Using the electronic reporting tools and software makes your responsibility easier. It also helps make the data compilation process more efficient which provides information to the community faster.

TRI Information Resources

EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Homepage: www.epa.gov/tri

EPCRA Call Center: 1-800-424-9346

TRI ENVIROFACTS Data Warehouse: www.epa.gov/enviro/

TRI Explorer: www.epa.gov/triexplorer

TRI Frequent Questions: http://tri.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/tri.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

Pollution Prevention Information: www.epa.gov/oppt/library/ppindex.html

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Steve Wurtz at: 913-551-7315, or wurtz.stephen@epa.gov.